scholars coming from outside Delhi and wanting to work in the National Archives of India and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi was held on 1st December 1975. The "group" felt that the Sapru House Hostel offered the best available accommodation, particularly in view of the Central location and reasonable rates of rent. The bonafide research scholars can avail themselves of Sapru House Hostel accommodation at reasonable rates. Five research scholars have been provided accommodation facilities there during the year 1976.

* The State Archives Departments should make their own arrangements for accommodation for the researchers.

D. Proper maintenance of records in muffassil office

(4) Resolution by Shri Tara Sharan Sinha.

"Resolved that State Governments be requested to pay increasing attention towards the proper upkeep and repair of records lying in record rooms of the offices of Divisional Commissioners, Collectors/Deputy Commissioner, District Judges etc. and also towards the improvement of working conditions in such repositories so that records may be properly maintained and any administrator, archivist or research scholars should feel at home while working in such places. Financial provisions for the maintenance of records should be increased to bring a proper balance between the expenditure on the maintenance of records and the income derived from the supply of the copies of records."

Explanatory Note:

In spite of the fact that almost all the State Governments have a centralised archival organisation at State level and in some cases their branches at regional basis, large number of records are still lying in a

decentralized manner in the record rooms of the record creating agencies themselves which need immediate transfer to the archival centres. In the muffassil offices little attention is paid towards the proper maintenance of such records and they are treated as junks dumped in godowns or in libos in complete ignorance of the fact that they are paper jewels of invaluable administrative and historical importance. When the expenditure on maintenance of records is compared with the revenue derived from the supply of the copies of such records, it hardly comes to a proper balance. Barring a few, working conditions in such muffassil offices also is not upto the mark. They are in very rare cases properly ventilated and furnished with proper light and fan fittings. In short the atmosphere of the typical munshikhanas of the yore still persists. Those who go there in connection with their advance academic research projects face a lot of difficulties in carrying on their work. It is rather a high time that our State Governments should pay increasing attention to give a proper look to their muffassil record repositories. But nothing can be achieved unless due financial allocations for the maintenance of records is increased. Muffassil offices yield a lot of revenue to the Government and there should be no hesitation in maintaining a satisfactory balance between income derived and expenditure made on records.

Standing Committee's views:

The resolution certainly deserves support and endorsement. A big step towards achieving the objective of this resolution would be for each State to pass an Archival Policy Resolution as recommended earlier in Resolution IV and XII of 39th and 40th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission respectively.

A central legislation in consultation with the States is under the consideration of the Government of India.

E. Publication of a Bulletin of Research Theses and Dissertations

(5) Resolution by Shri O.P. Bhatnagar:

"Resolved that a report containing names of researchers, subjects of research on Modern Indian History, names of Universities where the thesis was submitted, and the date and particulars of the publication of the thesis be published annually by the National Archives. The report should cover work done on Modern Indian History in all parts of the world."

Explanatory Note:

In view of the fact that considerable amount of research work is being done and published in all parts of the world. Scholars will be properly informed about the individual scholar's work as well as material available in different archives.

The National Archives should base its information on the data supplied by various archives in India and other parts of the world. Only the work completed and published need be excluded in the report, various archives can easily keep track of such kind of research work done.

If admissible the publication should be a priced one.

Standing Committee's views:

A Bulletin of Research Theses and Dissertations is already being brought out by the National Archives of India for the last many years. The Bulletin contains more or less the same information as mentioned in the resolution. These are distributed free of cost among the Universities, Learned Institutions, State Archives, Post-graduate Colleges of Indian Universities and Institutions, and Libraries abroad.